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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced \$10,613 in funding for Herkimer County and the village of Herkimer to prevent and control crime through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

"Crime is cyclical, and during tough economic times criminal activity tends to go up," **said Arcuri, who served as Oneida County District Attorney for 13 years.**

"That is why it is even more important to ensure our local law enforcement agencies have resources available to put more police on the streets to fight crime. The JAG program is a proven and effective source that provides officers with the tools and training necessary to keep our communities safe."

Herkimer County and the village of Herkimer and will share the JAG award in the amount of \$10,613 to purchase equipment and supplies. The village of Herkimer, serving as the fiscal agent, will use \$6,905.47 purchase a computer program for law enforcement that will make them more effective in their case work, warrant execution, and drug investigations. Funds will also be used to purchase equipment for the Emergency Response Team, an entry tool and a container to carry distraction devices and any recovered explosives in their Emergency Response Vehicle.

Herkimer County will use \$3,707.53 to purchase and maintain a law enforcement computer system called Accurint for Law Enforcement. This program will allow them access to addresses, phone contact information, etc., through a nationwide system that tracks people through postal, banking and other sources. The goal of this project is to ensure that both departments are equipped to provide and maintain the high level of public safety to the residents of the county and village.

The Department of Justice's JAG Program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to help create safer communities. JAG grants are awarded to state and local governments to improve the criminal justice system with an emphasis on breaking the cycle of substance abuse and crime, combating violence, holding offenders accountable, enhancing law enforcement initiatives, and supporting advancements in adjudication. Many of the allocations for local governments require counties and their municipalities to file joint applications, with a

Memorandum of Understanding stating how they will divide the funds.

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